

HOUSE BILL 81

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By: **Delegates Hubbard and Hammen**
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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study the Regulation of Artificial Trans Fat**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Regulation of Artificial
4 Trans Fat; providing for the membership of the Task Force; requiring the Task
5 Force to elect a chair from among the members of the Task Force; providing for
6 the staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from
7 receiving certain compensation; authorizing a member of the Task Force to
8 receive certain reimbursement; providing for the duties of the Task Force;
9 requiring the Task Force to submit a certain report to certain committees on or
10 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
11 relating to the Task Force to Study the Regulation of Artificial Trans Fat.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Health – General
14 Section 21–214
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 **21–214.**

21 **(A) THERE IS A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE REGULATION OF**
22 **ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT.**

23 **(B) THE TASK FORCE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING EIGHT MEMBERS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) **ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY**
2 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;**

3 (2) **ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY**
4 **THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;**

5 (3) **THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE**
6 **SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

7 (4) **THE FOLLOWING FIVE MEMBERS, APPOINTED BY THE**
8 **GOVERNOR:**

9 (I) **ONE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER;**

10 (II) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RESTAURANT**
11 **ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND;**

12 (III) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF FOOD,**
13 **BEVERAGE AND CONSUMER PRODUCTS COMPANIES;**

14 (IV) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CENTER FOR SCIENCE**
15 **IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; AND**

16 (V) **ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF MEDCHI, THE MARYLAND**
17 **STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.**

18 (C) **THE MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM**
19 **AMONG THE TASK FORCE'S MEMBERS.**

20 (D) **THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL**
21 **PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.**

22 (E) **A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE:**

23 (I) **MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**
24 **TASK FORCE; BUT**

25 (II) **IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**
26 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
27 **BUDGET.**

28 (F) **THE TASK FORCE SHALL:**

1 **(I) STUDY THE REGULATION OF ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT THAT**
2 **HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN LOCAL JURISDICTIONS IN THE STATE;**

3 **(II) DETERMINE WHETHER EFFORTS TO REGULATE TRANS FAT IN**
4 **LOCAL JURISDICTIONS COULD BE IMPLEMENTED STATEWIDE;**

5 **(III) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PROGRAM TO REGULATE**
6 **ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT THROUGHOUT THE STATE THAT INCLUDES:**

7 **1. METHODS TO ELIMINATE ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT FROM**
8 **FOODS PREPARED IN FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS; AND**

9 **2. OUTREACH AND EFFORTS TO EDUCATE FOOD SERVICE**
10 **ESTABLISHMENTS ON APPROPRIATE SUBSTITUTES FOR ARTIFICIAL TRANS FAT;**
11 **AND**

12 **(IV) MAKE ANY OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE TASK**
13 **FORCE DETERMINES NECESSARY REGARDING THE REGULATION OF ARTIFICIAL**
14 **TRANS FAT.**

15 **(G) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2009, THE TASK FORCE SHALL**
16 **REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SENATE FINANCE**
17 **COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS**
18 **COMMITTEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
19 **ARTICLE.**

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 July 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
22 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.